

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(MBHB 09-278-US)**

<b>In re Application of:</b>	)	
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<b>Akio Wakabayashi</b>	)	<b>Examiner: Michael J. Anderson</b>
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<b>Serial No. 10/517,908</b>	)	<b>Art Unit: 3767</b>
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<b>Filed: January 30, 2006</b>	)	
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<b>For: System and method for efficient drainage of body cavity</b>	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED DECEMBER 26, 2008**

Dear Sir:

With a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a petition for a three-month extension of time, the Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks in response to Office Action mailed December 26, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2; and

**Remarks** begin on page 5.

Along with this response, Applicant is submitting the large-entity RCE fee and the large-entity three-month extension of time fee. In addition, Applicant authorizes the Director to charge any and all necessary fees to Deposit Account Number 132490.